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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,7,8 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4-6 and 9-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-15 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 3 recites the limitation "the adding step" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim because there is no "adding step" is claimed in claim 1.

Due to the 112/2nd paragraph problems, Examiner is unable to compare the claim with the prior art.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 7-8 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bales et al (US Pat No. 5,991,263) cited in the previous Office Action attached to Paper No. 5 mailed on 11/10/2003, herein after referred as Bales.

Regarding claim 1, Bales teaches a method for routing data from one or more analog channels on a data link to corresponding receiving channels via a software router implemented on a processor, the method comprising:

enabling an interrupt for only one of the one or more analog channels on the data link (see col. 1, ln 59 – col. 2, ln 11 and col. 5, lns 41 – 54); and

transferring data from each analog channel on the data link to corresponding receiving channels when the interrupt occurs (see col. 1, ln 59 – col. 2, ln 11 and col. 5, lns 41 – 54).

Regarding claim 7, Bales teaches method of claim 1, wherein the transferring step includes, for each active channel on the data link:

finding a corresponding receiving channel and data link corresponding thereto (see col. 1, ln 59 – col. 2, ln 11 and col. 5, lns 41 – 54); and

routing data from the active channel to the corresponding receiving channel (see col. 1, ln 59 – col. 2, ln 11 and col. 5, lns 41 – 54).

As to claims 8 and 14, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claims 1 and 7 above, since claims 8 and 14 are merely a system for implementing the method defined in the method claims 1 and 7, respectively.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2, 4 - 6 and 9-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


7. Claim 15 is allowed.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bing Bui whose telephone number is (703) 308-5858. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on (703) 305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 and for formal communications intended for entry (please label the response "EXPEDITED PROCEDURE") or for informal or draft communications not intended for entry (please label the response "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT").

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